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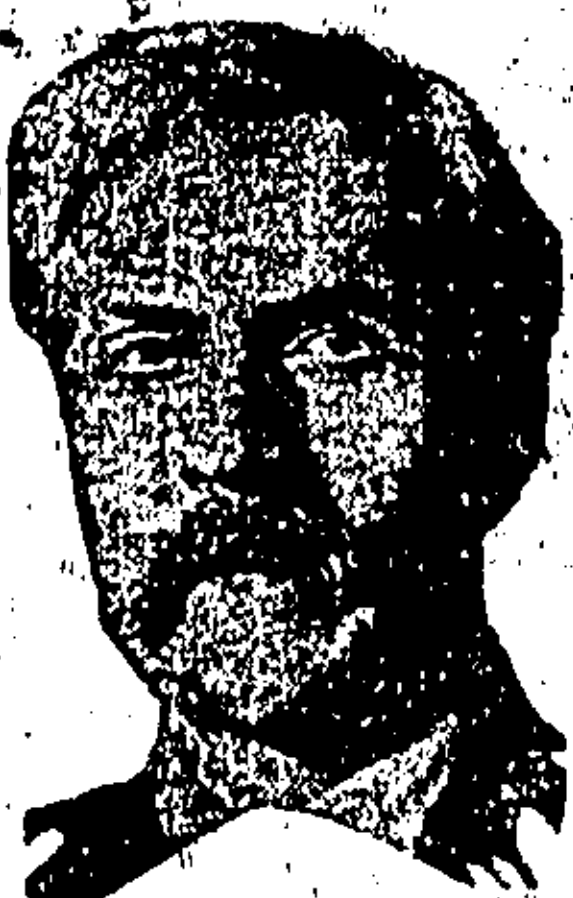
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PARIS, July 8.
Premier Ramsay had a more cordial reception in France than that accorded to MacDonald.

The vicinity of the station was densely crowded; the route to the British Embassy was lined by spectators, who cheered and shouted "Good Old Ramsay; Vive, MacDonald." The two premiers conferred at the Quai d'Orsay for three hours, after which Mr. MacDonald said: "We are right in the middle of things."



PURPOSE OF VISIT.

LONDON, July 8.
There appears to be the strong ground for hope that Premier MacDonald's decision to go to Paris will clear up misunderstanding and materially assist in averting the downfall of M. Herriot, and therewith the indefinite postponement of the inter-Allied conference on reparations settlement. His decision has immediately produced a change of tone in Paris where it was received with the greatest satisfaction. The debate in the Senate wherein a big opposition attack has been anticipated, has been postponed until after the visit.

DESIRE TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

Premier MacDonald, prior to departing for Paris, said that his visit must be taken as an indication of desire to see the settlement of Anglo-French relations, and to remove all misunderstanding, this more particularly so in view of the fact that he is suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis. The duration of his visit will depend on circumstances, but he hopes to return by Thursday.

TEXT OF INVITATIONS.

LONDON, July 8.
The text of the British invitations to the London Conference have been issued in the form of a White Book. They substantially confirm the Rome message of July 5 which read:

The British Government's letter of invitation to Italy to attend the London Conference says the main aim of the conference will be to forge an instrument of accord formally pledging the contracting parties to the execution of some of the suggestions of the Dawes report, which will be signed by the Allies and Germany. The instrument might be in the form of a protocol as it is intended to avoid any appearance of desire on the part of the Allies to modify the Treaty of Versailles. The British Government favour fixing in the protocol the date whereby Germany can complete legislation and other measures she is required to adopt and a later date, perhaps a fortnight after the first date, when all economic and fiscal sanctions at present enforced on Germany, which interfere with the economic activities of Germany, will be withdrawn.

The invitation proposes that the protocol include a stipulation for establishing, in the event of a flagrant failure on Germany's part, of an authority that will decide with regard to non-execution of the treaty. The engagements into which Germany will enter, according to the Dawes report, rank before those imposed on her by the Treaty of Versailles, and therefore the British Government considers that the task of deciding the question of flagrant non-execution cannot be entrusted to the Reparations Commission, the functions of which are strictly determined by the Versailles Treaty. It is proposed that recourse should be had to the financial committee of the League of Nations. The protocol will also include a clause providing for differences in regard to interpretation. This stipulation will be referred to an International Court of Justice. The invitation emphasises that M. Herriot and Mr. MacDonald have not entered into any engagement and says it is proposed that as soon as the conference has arrived at a definite accord, that Germany be invited to meet the Allies in discussions, but not for the purpose of being confronted with the document in its final form, to be accepted or rejected.

The invitations openly refer to the unanimous Allied decision to adopt the Dawes Report. Consequently the informal discussions of the Allied Premiers centred on the exact measures to give effect to the recommendations rather than upon the principles of the report. Thereafter the invitation states these recommendations impose on Germany obligations, altogether beyond what were laid down in the Peace Treaty. It, therefore, is necessary that they be embodied in a formal document, signed by the Powers responsible for their execution.

If Germany is to give her assent, she justifiably expects to receive, as counterpart to the obligations she is assuming, a corresponding undertaking that the economic, fiscal sanctions imposed upon her shall be withdrawn. "It would be undesirable to give the instrument of agreement a form, which would have the appearance of a treaty explicitly modifying the Treaty of Versailles. The most convenient form would be a protocol, which might contain provisions covering the following points."

[Thereafter come points mentioned in the despatch from Rome published above.]

DEATH OF CALVIN COOLIDGE

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 8.
Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary have cabled to President and Mrs. Coolidge, expressing heartfelt sympathy in the deep sorrow Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge have suffered by the death of their son Calvin.

HOME CRICKET. INTER-VARSITY MATCH. CAMBRIDGE'S STRONG POSITION. COUNTY FIXTURE RESULTS. (Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 8.
The Cambridge 1st innings closed for 361, Austin scoring 51 and Enthoven 104. Guise took 4 wickets for 19. Oxford, at the drawing of stumps had scored 153 for 4 wickets. Guise made 44 and Blaikie 48.

COUNTY FIXTURES.
At Tunbridge Wells Kent defeated Sussex by 200 runs. Kent made 190 in the 1st innings, Tate obtaining 7 wickets for 48. At their second attempt, Kent scored 308, of which Wooley made 117. Sussex scored 180 and 118.

At Southend, the match between Essex and Surrey, ended in the latter winning by 5 wickets. Essex made 109 and 288 (Eastman 101), Surrey replying with 198 and 200 for five.

At Sheffield, Middlesex won from Yorkshire on the first innings. Middlesex made 258 (Hendren 99, Bruce 88) and 268. Yorkshire scored 334 and 43 for no wicket.

At Birmingham in the match between Warwickshire and Hampshire (Howell's Benefit), the visitors won on the 1st innings. Their scores were 235 (Bowell not out 73) and 336 for four (Wood not out 72). Warwick scored 226 (Parsons 106) and 332 for 8 when the innings was declared closed, Smith making 104 and Calthorpe 106.

At Nottingham, the home side led Lancashire on the first innings. Nottingham scored 267 (E. Tyldesley 72) and 178.

At Gloucester, the home side led Derbyshire on the first innings. Gloucester scored 317 (Smith 97, Salter 135) and 187 for seven wickets (declared). The Derbyshire scores were 281 and 49 for 3.

At Swansea, Worcester defeated Glamorgan by 4 wickets. The scores were: Worcester 232 and 95 for six; Glamorgan 186 and 138.

OLYMPIAD.

A BRITISH VICTORY.

LOWE WINS 800 METRES.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, July 9.
There was a poor attendance at the stadium to-day when the Olympic Games were continued in hot weather.

It is noteworthy that Le Gendre, who jumped 25ft. 6in. in the pentathlon long jump, is not participating in the open event. When the entries were sent in, he was not considered of sufficient class to represent the United States in the open contest. The results follow:

In the final of the 800 metres the order was: D. Lowe (Britain) 1; Martin (Switzerland) 2; Enck (America) 3. Time 1m. 52.25 sec.

Putting the weight resulted: Hauser (America) won with a put of 14m. 99 1/2 in. Harcraft and Hills, both Americans, were second and third.

Final Long Jump: Hubbard (America) 1; Gourdin (America) 2; Hansen (Norway) 3. Distance 7.445 metres.

BRAZIL.

ECHO OF SAO PAULO RIOT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, July 8.
The American Embassy at Rio de Janeiro states that Brazilian Government troops occupied Sao Paulo to-day.

THE CASUALTIES.

BUENOS AIRES, July 8.
In the recent insurrection at San Paulo 250 persons were killed and 200 injured.

The revolution occurred on July 5 but was soon quelled. A Buenos Aires message, of July 6, read:

It is reported that the city of Sao Paulo, in Brazil, is in the hands of revolutionaries, who occupied the Federal Buildings after a spell of fighting. The Federal Government has declared a state of siege at Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo and rushed warships, carrying troops, to suppress the revolt.

LATER.

A message from Rio de Janeiro announces that the military rising in Sao Paulo has been suppressed. Order has been restored everywhere.

[Sao Paulo is one of the largest and, commercially and industrially, the most active and enterprising towns in Brazil. It is the capital of the State of Sao Paulo, and is 35 miles north-west of Santos, situated on a high but not altogether healthy plain, being too near the marshes of the river Tiete which flows past the town on the north.]

WANT COMPROMISE.

LATEST ELECTION MOVE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, July 8.
Governor Smith's managers have announced that he will withdraw, provided Mr. McAdoo withdraws. The candidacy of Mr. Ralston has been withdrawn, owing to his again refusing to accept the nomination.

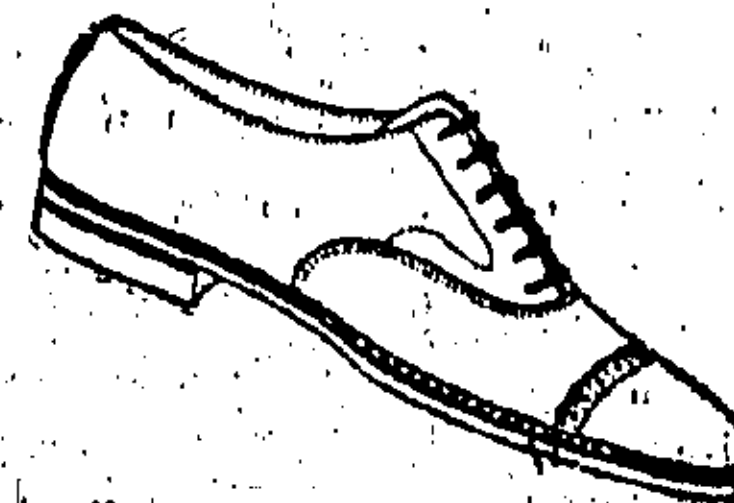
DEMOCRATS ADJOURN.

NEW YORK, July 7.
In the eighty-seventh ballot McAdoo slumped to 33 1/2, Smith securing 36 1/2, Ralston 93, Glass 71 and Davis 60 1/2. Convention thereafter adjourned until Tuesday out of respect to President Coolidge's bereavement.

Mr. McAdoo's slump is due to an allied drive against him, staged in accordance with the rules of modern warfare.

Deprived of the veto power and deserted by Mississippi, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma and Nevada, Mr. McAdoo, with his back to the wall, now only hopes that the deserters will return after an attempt to break the deadlock. But the other leaders and candidates are determined to keep McAdoo down and to show the futility of his candidacy, and to open the way to a compromise candidate.

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something more than nine years
that I walked into a little motion-
picture theatre on Broadway, pay-
ing ten cents (5d.) admission. At
that time he was merely a gloves
salesman, pulling in £3,000 a year.

When I went into that theatre
I had no idea of going into the
film business. When I went out
I was glowing with the sudden
realisation of my way to fortune.

Apart from his droolers, his
quick response to the moment, his
happy, boyish smile, Charlie
Chaplin "makes another appeal."
The first time I saw him I felt
sorry for him. The humour of
it, that I should want to help
him—this young, charming
Fortunatus—struck me almost
at once. But I could not help it.
Afterwards I found that nearly
everyone else shares this feeling.
This pathos of his comes from
an enduring isolation. He is,
and I think always will be, a
lonely figure.

Pola Negri, on being congrat-
ulated on looking "very charming"
in Bella Donna, replied:

"I know I am charming. I con-
sider my work great, as I am a
great artist."

Mr. Goldwyn adds regarding
the Pola Negri-Charlie Chaplin
romance:
"A great many people have
asked me if I think they will
marry. Judging the depths of a
woman's feelings and her in-
tentions from the way she acts,
which, of course, is not an easy
thing to do, I believe Miss Negri
intends to marry Charlie. While
Chaplin, does not admit that he
is in love, I have never seen a
man so devoted to a woman as
he is to Pola. In fact, I think
she is the one woman who has
interested him completely."

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living actor, "Charlie Chaplin,"
of course," he retorted. And who
is the second greatest? persisted his
interviewer. "Jackie Coogan," he
answered. And the third? "Oh,"
said he, obviously somewhat
impatient with the doggedness of
this research, "I have told you the
two greatest. What does it matter
about the third?"

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ODDS AND ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.****The Muddled Month.**

One pictures Miss May of 1924
as a muddled young lady wearing
a light lilac frock, trimmed with
the prettiest blossoms, and over it
a fur wrap (says the Daily Mail).
She carries the family umbrella
lent her by her sister, Miss April.
Her eyes are smiling, but her nose
is pinched with cold. She listens
in to her nightgale with her feet
in front of a gas fire.

Women and Love.

Mr. F. C. Greaves, the president
of the National Association of
Schoolmasters, has recently been
pointing out the danger of a new
war—a war between the spinster
and the married woman (says
John o' London's Weekly). The
spinster, so he says, is out for a
halo and for canonisation. She is
pleased with herself. If the
spinster refuses to recognise
cooking and housewifery as among
the great arts, and prefers the
society of cats, canaries, and
curates, she will never score off
the married woman nor attain her
coveted canonisation. Let her
give up drinking cocoa nibs in
solution and the wearing of elastic-
sided boots and learn how to
sharpen a pencil, and there will
soon be plenty of men on their
knees to her. Let her substitute
sympathy for sarcasm in her
dealings with men and omit to
express her disapproval by a mere
sniff, and she will soon discover
vulnerable spots in the armour of
Achilles. Consciously or uncon-
sciously, woman's nature revolves
round a sun, and that sun is love,
and love combined with a home
where she can show how char-
ming and sweet-tempered she can
be fills her cup of joy and
happiness.

Charles X. at Holyrood.

Much has been written concern-
ing Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who
took up their residence in
Holyrood Palace, and much, too,
concerning that historic spot. But
I have seen no reference to the
last time Holyrood was occupied
for a lengthy period by a person of
royal blood (observes an Evening
Standard writer). Close on a
hundred years ago Charles X. of
France lived at Holyrood, retiring
thither after the Revolution of
1830. He held what must have
been a gloomy lit. Court there,
and his sole amusements were
whist and going for drives "in a
wretched hired carriage" with his
niece and daughter-in-law, the
Duchesse d'Angoulême (the
Madame Royale of the Temple),
who was an intensely depressing
person. Charles X. was then an
old man, and a dispirited one,
though he retained his charm and
good looks until his death at Goriz
a few years later, at the age of 80.
I have in my possession a letter
written from Edinburgh at the

time, containing a curious pen-
picture of the last King of France.
The old King ventured out
yesterday, it runs, "in spite of
the cold. Wearing a high hat and
frock coat, he had cast over his
shoulders a shawl, and was grab-
bling (sic) for one of his gloves in
the snow." He must have looked
like one of Barrie's "elders" in
"The Little Minister." A different
figure this from the dashing young
Comte d'Artois, who, in silks and
powdered wig, had flirted with
Marie Antoinette at the glittering
Court of Versailles 60 years before.

Cashier's Confession.

The disappearance from the
coffers of the Opéra Comique of
£27,000, has confronted the Paris
police with a very curious problem.
It has also caused the greatest sur-
prise in both artistic and ad-
ministrative circles of this famous
theatre for, according to his own
story, it is the chief cashier,
Picard, who has taken the money.
He called on M. Guillaumie,
Commissaire of the Detective
Service, and asked to be arrested
as a thief, declaring that for four
years past he had been stealing
money from the funds of the
Opéra Comique in his charge,
until the total of the thefts
now amounted to £27,000. Picard,
who is sixty-three, had at first
great difficulty in getting his story
believed, for he has for fifteen
years past occupied his post of
trust, and was regarded by all who
knew him as a model of integrity
in both business and private life.
Yet he declares that he has spent
the whole of this money in luxu-
rious pleasures and in gambling.
Investigations at the Opéra Com-
ique showed that the sum men-
tioned by Picard was actually miss-
ing, but the directors of the theatre
declined to believe that embezzle-
ment had been going on. They
suspect that the whole sum was
stolen at one time on a Wednes-
day night, when they say
Picard paid in about £50,000,
less than he should have
done.

Birth Place of Cobden.

Richard Cobden's home, Dunford
House, Heyshott, Sussex, is to be
presented to the Liberal Party by
Cobden's daughter, Mrs. Fisher
Unwin.

This news was conveyed to the
National Liberal Federation de-
legates, when they took an in-
teresting motorcoach excursion
from Brighton—where their meet-
ing have been held—to some of
the most picturesque parts of West
Sussex. They were met by Mr.
and Mrs. Fisher Unwin, who con-
ducted them to Dunford House,
Heyshott, about two miles from
Midhurst. The house, which was
built by Cobden on the site of
his birth-place, is to be used for
meetings, and discussions on
Free Trade, Peace and Goodwill
among the nations. It is also
stated that the Cobden Free Trade
Library, with paintings and other
of Cobden's possessions, will be
installed in the house, Cobden

was prominently associated with
Lancashire that the fact that he
was a Sussex man is often forgot-
ten. His family were yeomen of
the Sussex soil, and their name
can be traced back in the annals
of the district as far back as the
14th century.

When Women Marry.

"I don't want to marry," says
Nancy, aged nineteen, surveying
the world at her feet. "Or at least
not until I am about thirty." "Don't
be in a hurry," says the wise older
woman. "But on the other hand,
don't leave it too late."

After twenty-five or so you
want to marry less and less. At
eighteen or nineteen you marry
easily. You have not grown used
to freedom and having your own
way. "Oh," Nancy was thought-
ful. She was wondering if that ex-
plained things—the charming
women no longer young of whom
people never spoke without adding,
"I wonder why she never married,"
or the men of forty or thereabouts,
who had none of the char-
acteristics of a bachelor, but were
fast acquiring them. Had they
left it too long, until they got
set in their ways and it was
harder and harder to make a
change? If there were not this
disproportion between the sexes,
I am sure there would be many
more women of this type, writes
Patricia West in the Daily Chronicle.
There are so many men, because
a man has not to stop and say, "I
am twenty-eight, and I like Jack
(or Millie) well enough, if I am not
in love with him (or her) . . . and
I do not want to be left alone . . ."
That last sentence means, "I may
not get another chance." There
are still comparatively few women
who can turn their backs on
marriage unless it be with the one
man, and face life alone cheerfully.
They will come to it more and
more, in time, of course, as they
grow more independent. Most
marriages that are not love
marriages have some thought like
that behind them. It is the
women of whom people say, "I
wonder why she never married."
she is so charming in every
way," who are the finest type very
often. They will take nothing but
the best and if they did not meet
the one man. The girl be-
tween eighteen and twenty-three is
the easiest to capture. She has still
her romantic dreams untouched,
and if the man who comes is not
all that she dreamed of, she has a
cloak to throw over him through
which she will not see. At twenty-
three it is a different matter. She
is more developed, more sure of
her own needs. She had learned
independence, and standing alone
does not terrify her. At thirty or
thirty-five she may marry, but it
will be difficult. She will not give
in as she would have given in at
eighteen, but perhaps it will be all
to the good that she has developed
before marriage and not after, and
has her eyes open, not veiled with
romantic dreams.

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This is to notify all whom it may concern that I, the undersigned, have criticised no bills since my arrival on the 21st May this year and that anyone using my name is doing so without my authority or consent, and that I am in no way responsible for any bills so contracted.

(Sd.) Mrs. J. D. P. MULDER,
Hongkong, 6th July, 1924.

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Garden Party no Club de Recreio das 5.30 as 7.30 da tarde do dia 11 do corrente.

Sorée no Club Lusitano as 9 horas da noite de 12 do corrente.

Hongkong, 8 de Julho de 1924.

CLUB LUSITANO.

OS Srs. Socioes são por este meio, informados que o programa dos Festejos em honra dos heróicos Aviadores Portugueses é o seguinte:

Recepção no Club Lusitano no dia 10 as 17.30 horas;
"Garden Party" no Club de Recreio no dia 11 as 17.30 horas;
Sorée no Club Lusitano no dia 12 as 21 horas.

A fim de que a manifestação tenha o maior brilho, possível a Direção pede a todos os Srs. Socioes e suas Exmas. famílias o obsequio de comparecerem em todas as festas e subscreverem a lista que se acha patente na Secretaria do Club.

E. A. Rosario
Secretario.

Hongkong, 7 de Julho de 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Mr. Robert Arthur, Graham has been appointed a member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Madras, in succession to Sir Charles George Toddhunter.

Miss Ruby Caroline Akroyd, of Durlston, Crofton-road, Ealing, left instructions by her will that her remains should be cremated and the ashes scattered to the winds.

A poison bottle found on Weymouth beach, containing a note signed "F. Samways," stating that the writer had committed suicide, is believed by the police to be a hoax.

During a race on the Thames at Woolwich a boat containing a crew of the Woolwich Rowing Club was swamped by the wash of a steamer. The men swam until they were rescued.

Lord Crewe, the British Ambassador to France, represented the King at the funeral service for the late M. Paul Cambon, for many years French Ambassador in London.

Turkish girls, wearing Western sports costumes, have for the first time taken part in public athletic games and gymnastics. Two teams retired owing to dissatisfaction with a decision of a male referee.

A German found stabbed in an Antwerp street had been attacked by a Spaniard, assisted by a Greek, while two Belgian women had held the German. The motive, apparently, was robbery.

The Duke of Connaught opened a war memorial cloister at Winchester College last month, and afterwards unveiled in the cathedral the casket containing the names of nearly 12,000 men of the Rifle Brigade who fell in the war.

Towards an appeal for £30,000 for the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs. Bethnal-green, £4,189 was subscribed at a luncheon at the Mansion House, at which the Duke of Connaught, president of the institution, occupied the chair.

Viscount Astor, presiding at the Commonwealth Temperance Convention, protested against the temperance forces being sniped at by societies disguised to give the impression that they had no connection with the liquor trade.

In responding to the toast "The Derby Stakes of 1924" at the London Press Club Derby luncheon, the Earl of Derby said that if he had to give a tip as to the big race it would be to put the names of the thirty-one runners into a hat and to back the one that was drawn out first.

A woman who had sought assistance for her invalid brother was found, the London Mendicity Society was informed, to have an income of £524 a year and to live in a nine-roomed house, which she had bought for £2,000. The brother owned a "bus" from which he derived a profit.

In his closing address in the action for damages for libel brought by Sir Michael O'Dwyer, formerly Lieut. Governor of the Punjab, against Sir C. Sankaran Nair, Sir W. Schwabe, K.C., said that Sir Michael's statement that he first saved the Punjab and probably also the Empire was the claim of a vain man. For plaintiff it was argued that cases of hardship in recruiting were in direct defiance of Sir Michael's words.

M. PAUL CAMBON.

DIPLOMAT AND FRIEND OF ENGLAND.

Great Britain had no truer friend in France than M. Paul Cambon, whose death in Paris is announced. As French Ambassador to this country for 22 years, he was one of the main authors of the Entente Cordiale. He retired from the French Ambassadorship in this country in December 1920. His diplomatic career has shed lustre on the annals of France. Until the conclusion of the Entente Cordiale gave him a new fame, M. Cambon had gained, as Resident-General at Tunis, a reputation comparable with that of Lord Cromer in Egypt.

He came to Britain after Fashoda, at a time when the atmosphere of Anglo-French relations was still clouded with colonial rivalries in Africa.

The shock of the Kaisers' telegram to President Kruger during the Boer War had opened English eyes to the dangers of a policy of "splendid isolation." France needed a firm friend. It was thus that the famous Convention of 1904 was brought steadily within the range of practical politics. By it the various colonial questions which had caused some uneasiness between the two countries were settled on a basis of mutual adjustment, and the way was cleared for a clearer recognition that both countries had common interests to safeguard against a common danger.

The question which both countries had to decide was what support each should give in the event of a wanton attack upon either of them by a third Power. Letters exchanged in 1912 between Sir Edward Grey, as Foreign Secretary, and M. Paul Cambon, as French Ambassador, marked the rapid growth of a definite understanding which was sealed finally when on August 4, 1914, the British Government declared war on Germany.

M. Cambon, who had celebrated his eightieth year on January 20, retained his vigour almost unimpaired to the end. It was a sign of his perfect confidence in the friendly disposition of our people towards him that he had been consistently a foremost advocate of linking the two countries by a Channel tunnel. And it was in connection with this great project that, as president of the French Channel Tunnel Committee, his last visit was paid to Britain so recently as in May of last year. His vigorous protest on that occasion—at a luncheon at the House of Commons—against the "calumnies which represent France as being actuated by imperialistic ambitions and warlike aims" touched a deep chord of feeling at the time. Friendship with this country was the master passion of M. Cambon's life, and his great part in its achievement was the crowning service of his noble and beneficent career.

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DEATH.

WHITMORE.—Died at Tongshan Hospital, June 29, Lorna (nee Way), wife of R. A. Whitmore, and infant son. Deeply regretted.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, July 9, 1924.

"A CRITICAL STAGE."

According to yesterday's cables from London, the Anglo-Russian negotiations have reached a critical stage. This news will hardly cause a sensation since Mr. Rakovsky, the chief Soviet delegate, said over a month ago that the conference had arrived at a "serious point." Apparently even then the silence regarding the negotiations was causing some anxiety, for the newspaper correspondent who interviewed Mr. Rakovsky pointed out that as the problem was perfectly clear people were naturally beginning to

poses that the question of the liquidation of pre-war debts should be bound up with the question of a loan. We need the loan precisely for the double purpose of enabling us to pay the annuities of our pre-war debts, and to place orders in England for goods which are necessary for the economic reconstruction of Russia. At the same time, we declare that it is impossible for an impoverished country, such as Russia, to be asked to pay her debts according to their nominal value. According to what one hears in the City, the bondholders of the Russian loan insist that we shall incur the full obligation for the whole debt. If this is true, I frankly fear that in the future, as in the past, we shall not be able to pay anything." That is a somewhat cheerless conclusion. The British bankers have already laid down the conditions under which they are prepared to advance Russia money and it is hardly likely that they will abate their demands. Nor can Mr. Rakovsky do very much himself. Pressed to explain his formula he was compelled to fall back on generalities. "Our formula," he said, "is the payment of debts considerably reduced in exchange for a loan. The British delegation presents us with a formula which is not only exclusively one of principle, but unilateral. For the raising of a loan the British answer at the conference sent us to the City, the City in its turn takes its stand on the Bankers' Manifesto, and says: 'Earn our confidence first; you can earn our confidence by repudiating your Socialism.' In these circumstances no practical result is possible." Useless, to point out to Mr. Rakovsky that according to British ideas of financial honour, as exemplified in the case of the British debt to the United States, debts are just paid without argument; that the British debt to America was contracted vicariously for France and Italy, yet we are paying it, in spite, too, of the fact that those countries are not paying us their formal and direct debts; that according to British ideas, the circumstances in which debts are contracted are beside the point, and the debts have to be paid if credit is to be preserved or restored. Mr. Rakovsky was ready with his answer. "I fully understand your difficulties in Great Britain, but you must also understand the psychology of our Russian peasant. Even if he had no principle about paying Tsarist debts, he thinks that he has in fact paid his foreign debts by his blood, by the ruin of Russia and by the damage caused by Allied intervention. He also has his idea of right and wrong. It is no use talking to him of gaining confidence in the City. He must be given something real." That "something real" the British are apparently not prepared to concede. Owing to the secrecy that has enshrouded the negotiations, it is impossible from this distance to weigh the merits of the opposing demands. All that one can do is to note the extremely awkward difficulties which beset the path, and to hope that these will be overcome, for it would be a grave commercial setback if the conference failed to give Russia the practical aid without which political recognition is largely meaningless.

Banditry in China.

The brutal murders of the Reverend Mr. Byers and Mr. Hawley once more bring into prominence the menace of banditry and mob-law in China. Following closely upon the news that Mr. Hawley, an American, had been foully murdered on the Upper Yangtze by Chinese Junkmen, word came through from our special correspondent that the Rev. G. D. Byers, of Holhov, had been done to death in an equally foul manner, while his wife and child only escaped on account of the bandits' poor marksmanship. As pointed out by a northern contemporary, similar atrocities have happened in practically every province in China, but the Peking Government is either unwilling or unable to take steps to stamp out banditry. When complaints are lodged with the

reply is ready—to the effect that while the Central Government deeply regrets the occurrences it fears that the outrage was the work of disbanded soldiers turned bandits, over whom neither Peking nor any other Chinese officials have any control! The Waichow is always careful to add that Chinese officials are just as much concerned regarding the growing lawlessness as any foreigner in China can possibly be. While such specious talk possibly convinces Mission Boards, and a portion of the political element in Europe and America, the foreigner, who knows his China, fully realizes that the excuse will not hold water. While extending the fullest sympathy in Peking's present predicament, one can ask without any suspicion of a sneer what real attempt has ever been made by the Peking Government to nip the evil in the bud. The Southern Government at least has made some attempt to stamp out piracy, as instance the execution of those captured since January this year. Peking, on the other hand, when it has a golden opportunity of punishing the guilty, as often as not finds a perfectly innocent party as a scapegoat and like the ostrich presumes its action has passed unobserved. The sooner the Peking Government realizes that the Powers are losing patience, the better will it be for all concerned.

Home Products.

Unauthorised levies on shipments of food products to Hongkong have already called forth comment on the little that seems to have been done towards encouraging local cultivation. Yesterday's report that the Colony's supplies of cattle and poultry from Wuchow, on which we are to a great extent dependent, are likely to be decreased because of the West River floods, brings home the point once more. If any further cause be needed to show that Hongkong needs to have its own sources of food supplies, we need only refer to the seamen's strike of 1922 when our hapless position was stressed rather too unpleasantly for all concerned. A trip through the New Territories invariably suggests visions of what could be done in the way of "intensive cultivation," to borrow the American phrase. With their antiquated methods the farmers only getting a fraction of the results they should. The periodical market-days held at the larger villages prove this. Has not the time arrived when the question should be seriously taken up so that Hongkong will always have an ample reserve to draw upon? One benefit which is apparent to all is the effect of competition for the travelling traders who now supply Hongkong.

WHAT "When France passed its verdict on M. Herriot M. Poincaré, it turned to a man different in every way possible to think of," says a *Daily News* correspondent. "Physically even, M. Herriot is big, with a great head, and powerful shoulders that have given a little, as if under their own weight. He is dark, with clustering hair, not yet, or hardly, tinged with grey. His speech is instant, copious, rapid. There is nothing of the big man's ponderosity about him. When he talks you feel that his vivid, coloured language clothes his thoughts at their very birth. He accompanies them with an elegant gesture which expands and subsides as he tells you of France's high mission in the world, or as her sufferings from the war."

Our amiable and humane friend AGAIN. Trotsky, or Bronstein, has written a book in which he recants from his former fierce Communism. It is called "Culture and Forms of Life" and in it he declares that a distinctly proletarian class culture is not desirable and maintains that the masses should assimilate the culture of the ages. Of course, he cannot well repudiate Communism, but he endeavours to show that it is not opposed to individualism, one being the complement of the other. It seems an impossible co-relation, but Trotsky's career proves the proposition. He has always been an individualist, but imposed Communism on his slaves and he butchered all who actively opposed his individualistic autocracy. Jack Garden will be the next to revoke.

ENGLISH. A correspondent referring to *The Times*, editorial, in which the prevalence of Latin words and phrases in English speech was discussed and which was followed by several letters in favour of and deploring the circumstance, recalls a good story. He tells about the learned teacher of English who, when asked whether he could say

"penetrability of matter" in English, replied at once. "Yes. Thoroughfarsenessness of stuff." Looking on the other side of the shield, it is true, but distinctly apropos in this connection is the sentiment expressed by Robert Burns:

What's a' your jargon o' your schools,
Your Latin names for horns and stools;
If honest nature made you fools.

USELESS. According to a witty American weekly paper the ten most useless books on a desert island are:

The telephone book.
The city directory.
The Social Register.
The Bartenders' Guide.
Who's Who.
How to Win in Wall Street.
Where to Dine.
Infantry Drill Regulations.
The Metropolitan Handbook.
Your cheque book.

NOT WHAT. A good story SHE MEANT. other day by Vicar of Wimbleton and an Irishman. Three old women gathered together in a Dublin public-house to discuss the affairs of their native land. "Well," said the first, "I've made up my mind for the Free State." "So you may," replied the second, "but I'm for the Republic." After a pause the last of the trio decided it was wisest to be neutral, and proclaimed triumphantly in a loud voice: "Well, you can do what you like, but I'm putrid!"

LATEST WILLS. Mrs. Sarah Coverley, Gloucestershire, and wife of Mr. Henry Bubb, and formerly the widow of Mr. John Hampson, £145,967.
Mr. William Henry Wood of The Laurels, Sherburn-road, Gillingate, Durham, mineral water manufacturer, a former mayor of Durham, £57,184.

Mr. Reginald Clay, of Mostyn-villas, Batley, Yorks, and of Dewsbury, wool merchant, £43,141.
Mrs. Caroline Louisa Trotter, of Miller's Green, Palace-yard, Gloucester, widow of Canon Mowbray Trotter, left £22 a year to her maid, Emily Chapman, for life, and £500 to her servant, William Beavin, £15,385.

Mr. Robert William Campbell, F.P., of The Outgate, Cleator, Cumberland, left £50 a year to his children, who shall reside with her, and the residue in trust for his children £7,100.

Mr. John Henry Board, of 2 Upper Chorlton-road, Brooks Bar, Manchester, cricket coach, for many years wicket-keeper to the Gloucestershire team £6,400.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Cooper, of 11, Aylestone-road, Leicester, left one-fifth of the residue of her property upon trust for her daughter, Phyllis May, until she is 50 years of age, when the share will be transferred to her £5,690.

CURRENT COMMENT.

(Port Sanitation.)

In the course of a paper read by Dr. E. W. Hope, Medical Officer of Health for the port of Liverpool, before the Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health at Bordeaux this well-known authority on port sanitation, says the *Journal of Commerce* spoke his mind very plainly—it is to be hoped with telling effect—upon the evils of its effects on trade. Quarantine procedure as practised for centuries dies hard, and he suggested "a periodical spring cleaning of our quarantine regulation when we adapt them to new ideas and new knowledge, and when we destroy the old completely." He saw a tendency once more to increase the burden imposed upon commerce by quarantine legislation, and urged that there should be a greater degree of uniformity in quarantine procedure the world over, and some international control of the methods adopted by the various countries. He referred to several important points of quarantine administration; the regulations, he opined, should not be regarded as a source of revenue, bills of health appeared to him to be an almost unnecessary legacy of the past, and ship fumigation for rat destruction, as practised in various parts of the world, could only be described as a farce.

To-day's Poem.

(Bluebell Ship.)

Aboard my ship of fancies
I sail the bluebell seas,
With cargoes of romances
I steer between the trees,
That loom, as one advances,
Pillars of Hercules.
Beyond the pillars reaching
Through vistas green and blue,
My barker would fain be reaching
No longer I'd pursue,
But scan the shore, beseeching
The tide to bring me You!
—Lockley Hall.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JULY 9.

1771. Amiens. The weather is but lukewarm, and I should choose to have all the windows shut, if my smelling were not much more sumnerly than my feelings, but the frowziness of 'obsolete tapestry and needlework' is insupportable.

—Walpole.

OUR DIFFICULTIES.

I like that story which Dr. Watkinson used to tell of how when a boy he was driving with his father to Lincoln and saw before him the vast cathedral towering in their path. "Father," he said in dismay, "how are we going to get over that?" "We are not going to get over it," answered his father drily. "We are going round it." Most of the things that keep us awake at night are like that. "Alpha of the Plough."

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 9.—Coronet Theatre; Johnnie Walker in "My Dad."
July 9.—The Star Theatre; Mae Murray in "Peacock Alley."
July 9.—World Theatre; "Daddies."
July 9.—Queen's Theatre; William Farnum in "The Adventurer."

SOCIAL.
July 10.—Reception in honour of the Portuguese aviators at Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.
July 11.—"Garden Party" at Club de Recreio, from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

July 12.—Dancing at Club Lusitano, 9 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
July 10.—Lammert Bros., at Messrs. Kwang Nguan Seng's Godown, Praya West, bean sticks, brass wires and preserved olives, 11 a.m.

July 11.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, 20 cases Cotton Cloth, 11 a.m.
July 11.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 6.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 8.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.
October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.
July 14.—Further extraordinary meeting of the Peak Club, 6.30 p.m.
July 9.—Public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, at 16, Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The *New York Times* says that the Prince of Wales will pay a fortnight's visit to Long Island in September in connection with the Anglo-American International Polo games. He will be the guest of the Polo Association.

Mr. Leo Wallace Young, who is touring the colleges and schools of the Far East, in order that the students may get an idea of character acting as it is presented in England, took the parts of several Shakespeare characters at the Queen's College Hall last night. The excerpts were the same as those given at the St. Stephen's Girls' College on Friday (a critique on which appeared exclusively in the *China Mail*) and they delighted the large number of students present. Among the visitors was the Hon. Sir Claud Severn (Colonial Secretary.)

The Portuguese aviators, Majors Brito Pais and Sarmiento de Beires, returned to Hongkong from Macao yesterday by the Portuguese gunboat "Patria." Arrangements are well in hand for the official celebrations to be held in their honour by the Portuguese community. A reception at the Club Lusitano tomorrow afternoon will be followed up by a garden party at the Club de Recreio on Friday. A dance will be given at the Club Lusitano on Saturday night. The aviators will probably leave for Shanghai on their return journey, via America, on Monday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

APPRECIATION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Will you allow me a few lines of your valuable paper to express my, (and I am sure the entire Colony's), hearty thanks to Mr. Wallace Young and Miss Colia Avon for their excellent portrayal of the Shakespearean characters last night at the Queen's College Hall.

The service they rendered to the various places they passed through must be very great, judging by yesterday's performance. Their enthusiastic and untiring devotion to the cause of education was plainly demonstrated when Miss Avon, in spite of high fever, (102deg. at time of acting) acted all her parts and personally chatted with the boys and girls who are taking the "Tempest" for their forthcoming examinations, on Caliban.

They captivated the packed audience with their unassuming friendliness. Many expressed their appreciation by, delecting clapping of hands but many more were lost in silent admiration. Never was so fine acting witnessed, never was an evening so thoroughly enjoyed.

Yours etc.,

GRATEFUL YOUTH.

Hongkong, July 9, 1924.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs Joseph Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations ruling on the Shanghai market at the opening of business this morning:—
Langkats 18 Buyers.
Ewos 10 3/4 Buyers.
New Engineering 6 Buyers.
Shanghai Dock 3 3/4 Buyers.
Orientals 3 3/4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 53 Buyers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A *Reuter* message from Alexandria says the s.s. "Adolf von Bayer" reached there with the coira on fire in No. 4 hold. The fire was soon put out and the cargo is being discharged.

The American world fliers reached Bushire on Tuesday morning and left for Baghdad the same day. A *Reuter* message received at noon to-day, reports their safe arrival and landing at Baghdad.

Yesterday morning a beautiful floral tribute was placed at the foot of the Cenotaph in memory of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 2nd Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment, who fell in the battle for Trones Wood on July 8, 1916.

The "Uncrowned King of Manchuria," Marshal Chang Tso-lin, has forbidden, at Harbin, the hoisting of the flag of the Soviet Union of Socialist Republics, and has intimated that as he does not recognise the Agreement made by Russia with the Peking Government the old Russian Consulate at Harbin will not be consulted over the Soviet representatives.

Nocturnal pedestrians in the region of Ming Yuen gardens, Shau-ki-wan, last night were in all probability saved from unpleasant experiences by the prompt action of a Chinese detective who saw three men acting in a suspicious manner. He accosted them, but only managed to get hold of one of them on whom he found a loaded revolver. The date of his trial is not yet fixed.

The broadcasting station at Macao will be opened by Lady Rodriguez, wife of the Governor of the Colony at 2.30 p.m. next Sunday. Intending visitors are reminded that the s.s. "Sui An" of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. leaves the Wing Lok St. Wharf at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and is due at Macao at 12.45 p.m., sailing on the return trip at 4 p.m. which will allow ample time for attendance at the ceremony.

The Foreign Office issued the following on June 1. Following on the conversations which have taken place between the Portuguese Minister in London and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, it has been decided to proceed with the elevation of his Majesty's Legation in Lisbon and the Portuguese Legation in London to the status of Embassies. "The King has been pleased to appoint Sir Lancelot Carnegie G.C.V.O. K.C.M.G., now his Majesty's Ambassador there, and the Portuguese Government have appointed General Norton de Matos, G.C.M.G., High Commissioner for Portuguese West Africa to be Portuguese Ambassador in London." In connection with the above the Portuguese Embassy states that Senhor Augusto de Castro, the present Portuguese Minister in London, has been appointed Portuguese representative to the Holy See.

TYPHOON DANGER.

MAKING FOR SWATOW AND PESCADORES.

Hongkong Signals Hoisted.

At 9.30 this morning No. 1 typhoon signal was hoisted. Then the position of the storm centre was Lat. 22 N., Long. 119 E. The direction was W.N.W. and the radius unknown.

From the foregoing it appears that the typhoon was about 300 miles to the east of Hongkong and making for the neighbourhood of Swatow and the Pescadores Islands.

Apparently, small craft in the harbour had "got wind" of the storm as a good many went to shelter last night. This morning some of the square-rigged lighters, which have always proved cumbersome, were still in Yaumati refuge.

Earlier News.

The following telegrams have been received at the American Consulate-General. The first one was received at 12.25 p.m. yesterday and the second at 5.45 p.m. on Monday.

Typhoon in about 122deg. Long. E. and 21deg. Lat. N., moving W.N.W.

Typhoon in about 124deg. Long. E. and 20deg. Lat. N., direction unknown.

At 5.25 last evening, the local observatory gave warning of a depression or typhoon within 60 miles of latitude 21deg. N. and longitude 122deg. E. The direction was given as W.N.W.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

SMYTH-GIBBONS.

PRETTY CEREMONY AT CATHEDRAL.

Considerable interest was taken in the wedding at St. John's Cathedral this morning of Edith Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gibbons of Burnham, Somerset, England, and Frank Ronald, son of Mr. F. R. Smyth—who retired last year from the management of the firm of Vernon and Smyth, Share & General Brokers, and who has been a resident of the Colony for over 30 years. His son is now a partner in his father's business.

There was a large and influential gathering at the Cathedral service. The Rev. V. Copley Molyne being the officiating clergyman, also at the reception held at the Helena May Institute.

The bride was given away by Mr. T. R. Percy and was attired in white georgette over silver lace embroidered with seed pearls with white georgette hat trimmed with lace. The Matron of Honour, Mrs. T. R. Percy, wore a dress of lavender crepe de chine and a lavender picture hat. Mr. H. C. Shrubsole was best man.

The young couple will be spending their honeymoon at Honolulu, the bride's going away dress being of fawn Paisley voile with fawn hat to match.

Among those present at the Church and later at the reception were the Hon. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. and the Misses Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. R. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Airey, Mr. L. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Matheson, Miss Clara Frost, Miss Tassell, Miss Haynes, Mr. A. G. Coppin, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lay, Mrs. Duclos, Mrs. S. P. C. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lammert, Mrs. Allan Taylor, Mrs. Tratman, Mrs. G. Grimble, Mrs. Griffin, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. Warwick, Mrs. Bond, Mr. H. L. Dennis, Mr. Birkett, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Nissim, Mr. Montague, Mr. Edgemoor.

The bridegroom received a canteen of silver from the Stock Exchange and the bride a gold vanity cigarette case. There were many other valuable presents.

The bridegroom's present to the bride was a diamond and platinum watch and the bride's to the bridegroom a gold half-hunter.

OPERA FILMED.

"MARITANA" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

To-night the Queen's Theatre will present William Farnum in a romantic drama of the days when knights were bold and chivalry was in flower. This picture, "The Adventurer," is based on the adventures of an impetuous count who lived in Spain at a time when gambling was at its height and when noblemen waged heavily on the treasures of Mexico and Peru. In those days duelling was popular and the man who would not draw his sword to protect a lady was considered despicable.

The hero is the rollicking type of romantic lover that suits Farnum admirably. As Don Caesar de Bazan, he is at his best and as an old Hongkong favourite, should win new laurels.

Estelle Taylor is the heroine. She takes the part of Maritana, a gypsy dancer and gives a portrayal as excellent and charming as that by her in a great screen epic which was shown in this Colony a month or so ago.

NOTICE TO QUIT.

COURT SOLVES TENANT'S PROBLEM.

Judgment was given by the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball) in the Summary Court this morning in a case under the building laws which has attracted considerable attention.

Plaintiff was Lam Choy-yin who sought to obtain possession of seven houses, Nos. 461-469 A, Queen's Road West, from the Kung Wo restaurant, the present occupiers. The claim included an item for mesne profits from April 18, 1924 at the rate of \$1.55 per Chinese lunar month. Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared for the plaintiff and the occupiers were represented by Mr. D. Davidson.

His Honour said that the question for decision was whether the notice given by plaintiff was good. The defence said that it was not good because it did not detail the exact nature of the reconstruction. It was the plaintiff's intention to pull down everything but two party walls standing at the ends. His Honour said that he was prepared to hold that it was sufficient if the landlord was going to pull down and completely rebuild if the reasons given were such that they made the buildings "new" within the meaning of the Ordinance. In this case the intention was not completely to pull down but to leave two walls standing. Accordingly His Honour saw no reason to differ from the decision of the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Gompertz). It was essential for the tenant to know which walls are to be pulled down and he, therefore, held the notice to be bad. He could not hold it to be good in parts. He must treat it as a whole and would give judgment for defendants.

When A Notice Is Bad.

In a case which concerned the possession of No. 46, Des Vaux Road West which had previously been heard in the Summary Court, the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball) gave judgment this morning.

Un Yeeuk-che (represented by Mr. M. K. Lo) claimed possession from tenants of the various floors. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the occupiers of the first and third floors and Mr. M. M. Watson for the tenant of the ground floor.

In giving judgment His Honour said that the defence relied on the claim that the exact nature of the reconstruction was not specified in that the intention was not completely to pull down but to leave the external and party walls standing, that the plaintiff's bona fides were open to question and that the notice was a current one and therefore invalid. His Honour stated that in respect of the last point, it was only formally taken up by the defence and he was not going to hold that the notice was bad on that ground.

On the first point he saw no reason to differ from the decision of Mr. Justice Gompertz who had held that a notice was invalid when it said that a building was to be completely pulled down and rebuilt but actually the external and party walls were left standing. In his opinion, the object of the Ordinance was that the tenant should be made cognisant of what the owner proposed to do. The necessity of a certificate from the Building Authority seemed to have had the effect of lessening the necessity of stating the exact nature of what was intended to be done. But it had been left in by the legislature and the Court had to place some construction on it. It must be construed strictly and he therefore gave judgment for the defendants with costs.

Mr. Lo asked for a ruling from His Honour on the question of bona fides. His Honour replied that speaking generally, he found for the plaintiff on this point whatever he might think of plaintiff's preliminary actions. He could not impute male fides to plaintiff in the matter of his intention to reconstruct.

On counter-claims by the defendants for damages, His Honour stated that there was little damage to any of the tenants. He found also for the defendants but in the sums of \$10 for the tenant of the ground floor and \$5 for the other two. A discussion of costs was left over.

NAVIGATORS BEWARE!

HAINAN STRAITS WRECK.

On arrival here the captain of the Indo-China s.s. "Ming Sang" furnished the Harbour Office with the accurate position of the wreck of the "Yahiko Maru" which sank in the Hainan Straits some weeks ago, with heavy loss of life.

The position is Lat. 20 deg. 13 min. 8 sec. N., Long. 110 deg. 55 min. 30 sec. E.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE U. A. O. AGENCY.

The 28th ordinary annual meeting of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency Ltd. will be held at 11.30 a.m. on July 17 at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., the General Managers.

The report for presentation to the shareholders reads:—The General Managers have the pleasure to lay before the Shareholders the accompanying Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1924.

ACCOUNTS.
The Balance at the Credit of Profit and Loss Account, including \$2,824.65 brought forward from last year, is \$80,078.35 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 60 cents on Ordinary Shares	\$5,910.00
To pay a further dividend of 40 cents on Ordinary Shares	3,960.00
To pay \$30.00 per Share on Founders' Shares	3,960.00
To pay a Bonus of 60 cents on Ordinary Shares	5,910.00
To pay a Bonus of \$50.00 per Share on Founders' Shares	5,910.00
To carry forward to new account	4,398.35
	\$80,078.35

AMMUNITION HAUL.

MINIATURE ARSENAL FOUND.

It is also reported that Chief Preventive Officer Clark and a number of Revenue Officers yesterday visited a large junk which was lying off the sea-wall not far from where the Wuchow steamer "Anjou" was berthed.

In the junk were seized a big lot of ammunition, over 20 automatics and many Mausers. A man and woman are said to have been detained.

The Police have made a haul of 3,700 rounds of ammunition and 10 automatic pistols, but they have not caught those responsible for putting them on board the s.s. "Sun Nam Hoi."

A watchman saw the parcel put on board but he was unable to catch the men who were in a sampan. He thinks there were four of them.

MODERN ROADS.

ACTIVITY IN CANTON.

Road building in Canton has been carried on in full swing by the Municipality, with financial aid rendered by the shops and residents. Work will soon be started, according to the "Canton Gazette," on the construction of road on Shakee which has been widened and the shops there will contribute toward the funds for building the road. The Ching Yuen Maloo, connecting the Second Bund with Sap Sam Hong, is expected to be completed in a few days' time. The P. W. D. has given instructions to the contractors building the Kau Yuk or Educational Road that they must have the work completed within one week's time. This road runs from the Wing Hon Maloo to the Provincial Educational Association Building.

In addition to the many maloo in the city territory, plans are on foot to build a number of roads connecting the city with the more important places in the surrounding villages and towns. The merchants of the Chi Ping Company have petitioned the Mayor of Canton, offering their service in soliciting funds to build a road connecting the Shakee Maloo with Saichuen, where the Railway Station of the Yueh-han Line is located.

The P. W. D. is also extending its work in Hoham Island. In view of the many low levelled street there, which are frequently flooded after heavy rains, the Department has started work in elevating the level of these streets. Residents there are requested to subscribe a portion of the fund for this work.

POLICE UNIFORMS.

A correspondent writes, pointing out that he considers the Asiatic members of the Hongkong Police Force should be clothed with the same quality and colour of material as the Europeans of similar rank. He maintains that the differentiation in clothing is tantamount to a slur on the Chinese and Indian members of the force.

When a motor-car driver was summoned at Croydon for having the rear number plate of his car indiscernible it was stated that Mr. Ben Tillet, M.P., who was in the car, said: "This is petty and vexatious. I shall communicate with the commissioner." The case was dismissed.

WIRELESS.

TO BE USED IN RIVER TRADE.

TWO NEW VESSELS.

On July 10 there will be launched at the Taikoo Docks, the steamer "Sai On," sister ship to the "Tung On" which successfully took to the water a month ago and, as announced in Monday's China Mail, is due on the Hongkong-Canton run in August.

The "Tung On" marks a new epoch in local river-shipping in that it is the first steamer to be equipped with wireless. Being a sister-ship on the same run it is unnecessary to add that the "Sai On" is also to have wireless. Evidently the owners have confidence in the recommendations made by experts at various times on the subject of coping with the piracy evil. Still, if there is anything in a name, they are sufficiently provided for, "Tung" means "East" and "Sai" "West." On conveyance of "peace" or "calm" and the two names combined would signify, "Let there be peace in the East and West."

Dimensions of each ship are as follows:—

Length between perpendiculars	225' 0"
Breadth moulded at	39' 0"
waterline	42' 0"
Breadth moulded at deck	12' 0"
Depth moulded to main	7' 9"
deck	
Height between main	
and upper decks (beam	
to beam)	
Height between upper	
and boat decks (beam	
to beam)	
Load draft in salt water	9' 0"

First-class materials have been used in the construction of the ship, the hull of which will be of Siemens Martin Steel. Ample hatches are provided to work the cargo to which branch of the business some of the best brains in river shipping have devoted their attention. For the protection of passengers, there are many life-buoys, boats and about 900 life-belts.

Electric light is to be fitted and fans will help to minimise the heat of the summer months. There is accommodation for 40 saloon, 36 intermediate, 80 Chinese first-class, about 300 upper deck and 700 lower deck passengers. Teak is the main substance of the decks and the steering gear will be steam driven.

The main engines consist of two sets of inverted, direct-acting, surface condensing, triple expansion engines, driving twin screws running outwards, with two multi-tubular marine boilers; all capable of together developing 1,400 I.H.P. when running at about 162 revolutions per minute under forced draught, and capable of giving the vessel a speed of about 14 knots on trial. Working pressure of 190 lbs. per square inch.

For protection against piracy, the builders have built the vessels in such a way as to conform with the Hongkong Government regulations, wrought iron grilles to be fitted on deck with other necessities.

Arrangements have been made with the Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Ltd., to install a wireless set on each ship with a range of 200 miles which will be sufficient for the purpose indicated. Qualified operators will be included in the personnel.

In Hongkong, the two ships will berth at the Leung Wing wharf and at Canton they will tie up at the Luen Hing Street wharf.

TIED TO TREE.

ROBBERY AT SHEK-O.

A Chu-Chau (Swatow) man reports an unpleasant experience to the police. He says that he was walking on the Shek-O bye road at 6 o'clock last night and when about 200 feet from the top of the hill he was rushed upon by two men who rubbed what he thinks must have been chillies in his face and eyes and robbed him of \$14, one of the men threatening him with a dagger.

The robbers tied their victim to a tree and made off in the direction of Chai Wan. The robbed man managed to free himself after half an hour's struggling.

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OUT OF THE PAST.

CENTRAL AMERICA'S
MYSTERY.

Professor G. Elliot Smith, in "Elephants and Ethnologists" (Kegan Paul 15s.), presses home his contention that Central American monuments show a connection between the people who created them and Asia. The work is illustrated with excellent woodcuts, which to most dispassionate students establish his case. He holds in particular that a profile which appears in sculpture at Copan is that of an elephant, an animal which has never been known in any part of America.

The shape of the trunk, the position of the lower lip, the tusk, and the under surface of the trunk reveal its identity as an Indian elephant quite as definitely as the Indian turban of the rider and his elephant god.

The reality of the identification is definitely established by another curious detail:

The irrelevant addition of the spiral ornament, which is not justified by any natural feature of the elephant, but is an arbitrary convention found in certain ancient representations of the elephant in India and Eastern Asia.

His key for the mystery of this extraordinary Central American civilisation, which has proved such a riddle for archaeology, is in this work, and in the very important fresh material that it contains. The source of inspiration "can be located in Indo-China" and the period that "exerted the main influence was from the 5th to the 12th centuries A.D." The Cambodian and Central American temples have a kinship that is not to be explained away.

This is a profoundly interesting and original book by one of the greatest living authorities.

MILLIONAIRE'S SON.

BRUTALLY MURDERED BY
KIDNAPPERS.

Believing that the police were on their trail and that they would soon be captured, kidnappers who stole the 14-year-old son of one of Chicago's wealthiest men as he was leaving a private school and took him off in a motor-car, murdered the boy and threw his nude body into a swamp. The boy was Robert, the son of Mr. Jacob Franks, the millionaire watch manufacturer.

At the time the body was discovered the parents were awaiting a visit from the kidnappers preparatory to turning over to them a sum of \$10,000, which the latter had demanded as ransom. They had faithfully followed out the instructions of the abductors not to notify the police, under threat that the boy might be killed.

The murderers showed a certain amount of cunning, for, after divesting the body of clothing they adjusted to the boy's eyes a pair of spectacles. This fact alarmed the parents' suspicion when they were informed that a body had been found, because they knew their son did not wear glasses. It was an uncle who made the identification at the morgue after the body had been taken from a culvert in the swamp into which it had been stuffed.

Robert Franks was last seen alive when he left school. His parents, alarmed at his failure to return home, started an unsuccessful search. In the evening a man telephoned to the Franks' home saying that the boy had been kidnapped, but was all right. The next morning the parents received a letter declaring that the kidnappers wanted \$10,000 ransom, and that they would kill the boy if the police were informed. The father at first endeavoured to have the telephone call traced, but later desisted. The police believe that the kidnappers learned this, and became frightened and killed the boy. Investigation showed that the boy's skull had been crushed and the body taken several miles from his home and thrown into a culvert. The police apparently have no clues as to the perpetrators of the crime.

RICH BACHELOR.

HUNTING MAN'S \$1,322,000
ESTATE.

The Treasury will benefit to the extent of \$170,000 in duties on the estate of Mr. Sydney Larnach, of Yew Lodge, East Grinstead, Sussex, who died on April 14, and whose will has surprised even his friends by proving him to have been a millionaire.

He left estate valued for probate at \$1,322,759, with net personally \$1,312,981.

Charities receive \$100,000 under the will, the bequests including: \$10,000 each to the following hospitals:—Middlesex, St. George's, London, St. Bartholomew's, St. Thomas's, and Guy's; \$10,000 to the National Institution for the Blind, Great Portland-street, W.; and \$10,000 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

\$5,000 each to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples Hospital and College, Alton; Salvation Army; and East Grinstead Cottage Hospital.

\$5,000 to the Rev. Dr. Thomas Alexander Purvis, of Luccombe, Somerset.

\$6,000 to Mr. David Geddie, manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Threadneedle-street, E.C.

\$100,000 each to his sister Elizabeth Walker, Margary, and his nephew Ivan Donald Margary.

\$25,000 to a house to his sister-in-law Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth Larnach.

\$25,000 to his sister-in-law Alice Maud Larnach.

\$20,000 to his niece Isabel Nellie Larnach Nevill.

\$10,000 to his brother-in-law Colonel Alfred Robert Margary.

\$5,000 to Captain Guy Temple Montacute Larnach Nevill.

The residue to his nephew Ivan Donald Margary absolutely.

Mr. Larnach, who was a bachelor, was born in Australia in 1853 and inherited a good deal of money from his father, who for many years was a director of the London branch of the Bank of New South Wales.

A keen hunting man, Mr. Larnach was well known in Surrey, West Kent, New Forest, and Leicester hunting circles. About 16 years ago he bought the estate of Yew Lodge, where he lived a more or less retired life.

ITALIANS HANGED.

MUSCOLINI'S APPEAL FOR
MERCY UNHEEDED.

With forces of State troopers guarding the streets, a murder case which has aroused international interest—culminating in an appeal from Signor Mussolini to President Coolidge—terminated recently at Amite City, Louisiana, by the hanging of six men involved—all of them Italians—in the killing of a restaurant proprietor named Calmes three years ago.

All were convicted of murder, but only one man actually fired the fatal shot, and for three years fruitless efforts were made to determine which of the six it was. The disclosure came last Easter, one of the six, named Roy Leona, confessing to a priest that he had fired the shot. The priest told him he could not expect forgiveness without a public confession, which Leona duly performed the following day.

A telegram from New Orleans states that one of the prisoners on his way to the scaffold attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself.

Three others who were involved in the same crime for which the Italians were hanged also suffered the extreme penalty at Edyville, Kentucky, making a record for the United States of nine executions in one day.

ROXOR

MURDER JOKES.

PRISONERS ACCUSE ONE
ANOTHER.

Whether the possession of almost unlimited wealth can save from the death penalty and secure a verdict of insanity for the two young men who it is alleged, murdered for sport and to gain knowledge of how it feels to be a murderer, is the question which is being everywhere debated to-day in the United States.

The parents of Loeb and Leopold (the post-graduate students alleged to have kidnapped and murdered the 16-year-old son of a Chicago millionaire) have already engaged eminent counsel to offer the most ingenious explanation possible of the atrocious crime to which, it is said, they have confessed. Psychologists are also filling the newspapers with abstruse discussions of the borderland between "precocity and insanity," but one at least of the young alleged murderers, Leopold, has no illusion on the subject.

While Loeb is shedding tears in jail and cursing his chum as the leader in the gruesome atrocity, Leopold, with every appearance of cheerfulness, declares, "Death has no terrors for me."

He expresses the utmost contempt for his chum, who, he says, proved himself "a weakling."

The day before his arrest Leopold dined with the daughter of one of his father's rich friends, who gives a remarkable account of how, after discussing freely the murder of young Franks and the reward of \$3,500 offered for the detection of his slayer, he turned to her, with a laugh, and said, "What a joke it would be if I confessed to you I'd done it! You could then claim the reward."

Leopold, according to this young woman, who was his fellow-student at the university, is a "brilliant and amusing conversationalist and a fascinating dancer."

His chief relaxation in life was the perusal of erotic sixteenth-century literature and his serious business the collection of ornithological specimens. Killing and mounting birds fascinated him, and he had established a museum in his home which was frequently visited by veteran scientists.

Yet, Leopold states, it was not he, but Loeb who struck the fatal blow. He says:

"I was driving the motor-car. The curtains were drawn. Loeb, who was in the rear seat, opened the door and called to young Franks. 'Come here, Robert, we will ride you home.'"

"Thanks," replied Robert, "it's only a short distance. I'll walk." "Come here, anyway," said Loeb. "I want to tell you about a new tennis racket."

Franks then hopped on to the running board, got in, and the next moment Loeb hit him on the head with a chisel and drew a bandage round his neck, strangling him.

Loeb, on the other hand, insists that he was driving the motor-car, and that the actual murder was done by Leopold. Both are now expressing the belief that with the millions at the command of their parents it will be easily possible to escape the capital penalty.

"This experience ought to make a man of me," says Loeb. "Society demands payment. Well, I will go to jail for two years, and then I'll come out and make a real career. After all, we only did it for excitement."

SCOTTISH SABBATH.

WIRELESS & IRISH BLAMED
FOR DESECRATION.

The Scottish Sabbath is changing.

That is the gist of reports to be submitted to the General Assemblies of the three Scottish Presbyterian Churches, which open in Edinburgh.

Points from the reports are: United Free Church. The secularisation of the Lord's Day proceeds apace without apology or blush. These continuous inroads are very seriously impairing the maintenance and spread of vital religion.

Church of Scotland (Established).—Between 1901 and 1921 there was an increase of 39 per cent. of the Irish population in Scotland as compared with only 6 per cent. of the purely Scottish population.

There is growing up a nation within a nation and this immigrant nation manifests very marked contrasts in social and moral conduct and ideals. The danger of race hatred and strife is very real.

Free Church ("Wee Frees"—whose stronghold is the Highlands).—In some of the Highland parishes the natives bitterly complain that the sanctity of the Sabbath is being rudely infringed by the conduct of shooting tenants and tourists, who are as if they were a law unto themselves. A new form of Sabbath desecration has appeared in the form of broadcasting of concerts.

It is now customary to hold political meetings at which there is a great deal of rowdy misconduct on the Sabbath Day, and many members of the Labour organisation are in this respect great transgressors.

HEALTH.

"NERVES" A POPULAR
DECEPTION.

The subjects of mental and industrial hygiene were discussed at the international conference of the People's League of Health, continued at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. The Duke of York, despite his keen interest in industrial conditions and the welfare of workers, was unable to attend the session at which these matters were debated, but the following message was received from Chesterfield House:

"His Royal Highness asks me to say that he was very much interested to learn of the conference to be held at the British Empire Exhibition on the subject of 'The Latest Knowledge Regarding Causes, Treatment, and Prevention of Disease.' Unfortunately, however, his Royal Highness's engagements make it impossible for him to accept your kind invitation to be present at the afternoon session on May 23."

That everyone suffers from mental disorder at one time or another, and that what was called "nerves" was one manifestation of this, was the theory advanced in an interesting address by Dr. E. Farquhar Buzzard, Physician Extraordinary to the King. He spoke during the morning discussion, when the chair was occupied by Sir Courtauld Thompson, chairman of the National Council of Mental Hygiene.

Dr. Buzzard said it had become the fashion for everyone to discuss his or her bodily ailments, or those of friends and relatives, without reserve or restraint at the tea or dinner table, whereas at a reference to mental ailments there was only silence or whispered comment. They must make everyone recognise that when anyone suffered from "nerves" he suffered from a mental disorder. We all suffered from mental disorders at some time or another. When one was tired and irritable, and one made mountains out of molehills, one's disorder was mental, and not nervous. "Nerves" was a term invented for our deception, because while we did not shrink from talking about our stomachs we drew the line at talking about our minds. (Laughter.) No doubt this disinclination arose from the suggestion of insanity, and from the prevailing idea that insanity was some dire condition which came as a bolt from the blue, without cause or reason. So long as this prejudice about the mind existed everyone beginning to suffer from ill-health would refuse to acknowledge, even to himself, its mental origin.

"If," declared Dr. Buzzard, "the prejudice about the use of the word 'mental' were destroyed and the employment of the word 'nerves' abolished in the next ten years, then the biggest step in the promotion of mental hygiene would have been taken, and this alone would mark the period as one of the greatest epochs in the advance of medicine, and in the promotion of health and happiness." (Hear, hear.) Why a mental disorder, entailing far more suffering than most physical disorders, should be labelled as "nothing the matter" or ascribed to imagination would be difficult to understand were it not for the knowledge that, in general estimation, all disease was of gross materialistic origin. Improvement in the mental health of the community must be the work largely of medical men and women, but they would be hampered at every turn until the public were educated to a knowledge of certain fundamental principles, and had discarded preconceived notions of what was meant by mental health and mental disorders.

PREVENTION OF PARALYSIS. Sir Frederick Nott, pathologist to the London County Asylum, said it had been shown that general paralysis of the insane, which was one of the most fatal forms of mental disease, could be prevented by the adoption of measures relative to the prevention and treatment of venereal disease. He believed that hospitals for the study and treatment of early cases would be much more useful if the law could be so altered that patients could be detained more than twenty-four hours, even against their wish.

In the afternoon various aspects of industrial hygiene were considered, the chair at this session being occupied by Sir Thomas Oliver, Professor of Medicine at the University of Durham.

Dr. C. S. Myers, Director of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, referred to the improvement in public health which could be effected by proper attention to the human side of industry. Industrial psychology was thus concerned with the alleviation of strain arising from defective arrangements of hours of work or rest, and it took account of such matters as unsystematic training, unnecessary and unwholesome movements, inefficient illumination, excessive vibration, humidity and temperature. The value of this work was reflected in the diminished sickness records, the increased output, and the greater contentment of the workpeople wherever it was applied.

NAPOLEON LETTERS.

SCOTT ON HIS BARONETCY.

In the Daily Telegraph of May 20, last brief details were given of three important letters addressed by Napoleon to Admiral Lord Keith, written on board the "Bellerophon" after his surrender to Captain Maitland on July 15, 1815. These letters formed part of a big dossier known as the Melville Papers (the second Viscount being First Lord of the Admiralty from 1812-27), and were offered at Sotheby's. Two days before his surrender Napoleon indited his famous letter to the Prince Regent, likening himself to Themistocles sitting on the hearth of his foes. This letter is in the Royal collections. The three said were strong remonstrances against being exiled to St. Helena, the first, dated July 31, 1816, containing the memorable phrase, "Je préfère la mort à aller à St. Helena." For this Mr. Frank Sabin gave £310.

The second letter, dated August 4, reiterated his protests, declaring that as he went voluntarily to the "Bellerophon" he should not be treated as the prisoner but as the guest of England. This also fetched £310 (Quaritch), and Mr. Sabin paid £275 for the third letter, August 7, in which Napoleon renewed his arguments, claiming the benefits of English laws, especially that which he described as "l'habitus Corpus." Although each letter was signed by Napoleon, it is clear that the body of each is in the hand of that capable and loyal amanuensis, Count Bertrand, who probably assisted his master in his emotional arguments.

The Melville papers also contained the original manuscript of Lord Dundonald's famous secret war plan for destroying an enemy's fleet and coast defences, addressed to the Prince Regent in March, 1812, and then referred to Viscount Melville. This brought £41 (Quaritch). When one considers the present prosperous condition of New South Wales, three letters written by Vice-Admiral John Hunter in 1808, describing the state of "that unfortunate and ill managed colony," seem out of time. These realised £31. Sir Walter Scott was an intimate friend of Viscount Melville, and the collection had a long series of letters from the novelist. In one of these Scott refers to the baronetcy about to be conferred on him, and comments thus, February 15, 1820:

"I suppose I may reckon on the honour so long destined for me being conferred—I have had a hint from the Herald Office that I must purchase my escutcheon. Now this was easy enough, my ancestors for 300 years before the Union of the Kingdoms having murdered, stolen, and robbed like other border gentlemen, and from James's reign to the Revolution having held commission in God's own Parliamentary Army."

This interesting series fell to Messrs. Quaritch at £220.

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NOTICE.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

TRADE MARKS.

Opposition To China Bill With-
drawn.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 8.

It has been announced that in view of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce's disapproval of the suggestion that the Boxer Indemnity Bill might provide a means of bargaining with China for a revision of the Trade Marks Law, Mr. A. M. Samuel, has withdrawn his opposition to the Bill. The "Manchester Guardian" says that good hopes of a settlement of the trade marks dispute are entertained and that the dropping of the indemnity claim as far as the British Government is concerned will probably increase the grounds for these hopes.

UNSEAWORTHY SHIPS.

In the House of Commons, Captain Viscount Curzon asked the President of the Board of Trade if the statutory regulation of his Department required that before proceeding to sea a ship should comply with the requirements of Section 437 of the Merchant Shipping Act as to her seaworthiness; and whether if the Board's personnel was not adequate to cope with the necessary duties as required by the Merchant Shipping Act, Sections 457 to 563, he would take steps to increase the marine survey staff of the Board, in order to ensure that no vessel should leave for sea in an unseaworthy condition.

Mr. Sidney Webb.—Under the Merchant Shipping Acts, any person who sends or attempts to send an unseaworthy ship to sea is guilty of a misdemeanour. These Acts further give power to the Board of Trade and their officers to detain unseaworthy ships. There are no statutory regulations as to unseaworthy ships, but it is one of the most important duties of the Board of Trade surveyors. The present staff is considered sufficient to carry out the statutory duties of the Board, but the matter is constantly under observation, and if the staff were found to be inadequate steps would be taken to increase it.

EASTERN MEAT INDUSTRY.

Advice received by the Melbourne Age from Singapore states that the Eastern and Australian Meat Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring a lease of land there for cold storage and ice work, also for securing lease of six ice depots in the F.M.S., and dealing in meat for the Mohammedan market. The prospectus sets out that capital of the company will be £150,000, and that Singapore merchants have undertaken to provide £30,000 of the amount. It is estimated that the Singapore depot will cost £30,000. With regard to the Mohammedan trade, arrangements have been made by the company for due observance of religious customs, and tinned food imported will bear Mohammedan certificates.

PROSPECTS FOR BRITISH SHIPPING.

Looking to the future there is reason for a moderate optimism as regards British shipping. These are words used by Lord Kylsant at the meeting of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, which has behind it a record of 85 years' progress, and which is to-day in the forefront of British shipping enterprises, says the *Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool). There were many factors which were mentioned by his Lordship in the course of his address to the shareholders which would seem to militate against this optimism, but certainly as far as the R.M.S.P. Company is concerned its history of progress in the face of many adverse circumstances is one in which both the Chairman and all associated with the company can take legitimate pride. Nevertheless, the future holds many problems for shipowners as well as others, and these will have to be faced with a courage and resolution which fortunately has not often been lacking in the management of the British Mercantile Marine, and which, indeed, has enabled it to pass through what has probably been the most trying experience of its history. With operating costs more than double those of pre-war days, and with freights cut to the very limit, and often quite inadequate to pay expenses, it assuredly requires the greatest ability and resources to carry on in the present conditions.

OPIUM.

SACKS ON BOARD JUNK.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE.

There was conflicting evidence at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon as to what had been the statement of a master of a junk when first charged with being in possession of 1,490 tins of raw opium.

The junk's number was T266H and three sacks containing opium were found on board at 6 a.m. on July 3.

At the police station the interpreter spoke to defendant through a Chinese detective who spoke the man's dialect. The defendant had said that the opium was his and that it had been left by a friend. This was denied by defendant at yesterday's court. He said that he had admitted that the opium was on board but he had never said that it was his.

The detective through whom defendant was said to have made the admission was called and repeated that the admission was made. Questioned by the Magistrate, (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) Witness said that the statement that the opium had been left by a friend was made afterwards. Cross-examined by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, who appeared for defendant, witness said that defendant had also said afterwards that he did not know to whom the opium belonged.

Mr. Russ addressed the court and said that the master could not be responsible unless there were suspicions about the case, such as concealing the opium. The sacks had been found lying openly, at the stern of the junk.

Judgment was reserved.

FORGED NOTES.

Charged with uttering four forged 100 rupee notes and with possession of two others of the same denomination Lo Leung, described as a boarding-house runner, was remanded until to-day at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

It was alleged that the accused passed off two of the forged notes at a money changer's shop, obtaining \$16.80 in Hongkong currency as change and that he called later and did the same thing. It was discovered the next morning that the notes were forged and when defendant passed the shop he was arrested. He had two more notes on him.

The export of tonnage duty, the requirements of the world's trade, is a matter that time alone will right, and that time should not now be far distant. Labour problems and the high costs of operation, coupled with the discriminatory tactics of some foreign countries, and our own Dominions are proving matters of even more moment every day, and the satisfactory settlement of these would go a very long way to solving the difficulties that confront shipowners, and which are hampering not only our own trade, but the trade of every country in the world. As Lord Kylsant said in referring to the growth of the U.S. Mercantile Marine, there is room for all if the trade of the world were of normal capacity, and one big step in this direction would be made were Lord Kylsant's ideal attained of the freedom of the seas and all ports for the shipping of all nations on equal terms.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR AFRICA.

One of the Nationalist candidates in South Africa has made public an offer received by General Hertzog from a London firm to provide £1,500,000 for the purpose of establishing the diamond-cutting and polishing industry in South Africa, provided a thoroughly sympathetic Government was in office. He added that a high export duty would be necessary since other measures could be adopted in order to transfer this industry to Kimberley. It may be recalled that various minor attempts made hitherto to establish diamond-cutting in South Africa have proved abortive. More than a decade ago a Select Committee of the Senate in its majority report decided in favour of the feasibility of the diamond-cutting industry, and recommended a 10 per cent. export tax for its protection. Six years later, nothing having been accomplished in the meantime, it was represented that the difficulty of procuring a proper supply of good diamonds from the big producers was the chief obstacle. An Act was passed in order to overcome this difficulty, but before anything could be arranged the Great War intervened, and conditions ever since have been unfavourable. The predominant view among experts is that South African cut diamonds will be the mainstay of the industry.

WORLD POWER.

EXPERTS TO MEET AT WEMBLEY.

The foremost industrial, scientific, and economic authorities of the world are on their way to Wembley for the first World Power Conference which, extending over a fortnight from the end of June, is to survey the world's material possibilities and devise schemes by which they may be most readily and economically developed.

In view of the promoters' "the texture of our modern industrial civilisation is woven of power," and, therefore, it is to the discovery, conservation, and development of power—oil, steam, electricity, water, wind or any other—that these specialist representatives of 80 countries will devote themselves.

In a paper of 150 pages on Australia the Australian exports say:

Australia has material prospects of a great development. Ample natural resources are available for the production of the necessary energy. Abundant supplies of black coal, the full extent of which is at present impossible to estimate accurately; vast deposits of brown coal; upwards of 10,000,000-horse power available from the streams and rivers within the Commonwealth; and an equal amount in the territories administered under mandate; the possibility of the discovery of natural oil in commercial quantities; with such reserves it will be long before Australia is handicapped in the development of her industries from lack of natural sources of power.

Canada, India, South Africa, Russia, the Continental countries are all contributing something on these lines to the common pool of essential information. The electrification of vast tracts around Moscow and Nijni Novgorod has as much interest for the world's engineers as the problem of how India can employ her water power to industrialise herself. Mr. Hugh Glegg, economic adviser to the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Company and deputy organiser of the conference, discussing these matters with a *Daily Mail* representative, stressed as particularly important the consideration that will be given to the financial problems.

"If the big industrial countries are going into the partially developed markets of the world with a view to developing them industrially," he said, "there will need to be something like a pooling of capital resources. The conference will require to elaborate some policy by which capital can be applied internationally. We have to advise methods by which co-operation in the development of markets can be substituted for competition in their exploitation."

ASSYRIAN WOMEN.

DISCIPLINE FOR UNRULY WIVES.

The position of women, and the laws relating to marriage in Babylon 2,000 years B.C., form the subject of an interesting article by Sir Flinders Petrie in "Ancient Egypt," the publication of the British School of Archaeology in Egypt.

For the first time it is possible to compare the marriage laws of the Babylonians, the Assyrians, and the Hittites, owing to the triumph of Dr. Harozny, who, with financial help of the Czechoslovakian Government, has succeeded in reading and publishing hundreds of clay tablets written in the scarcely known Hittite language.

"The Assyrians had great trouble with the unruliness of the married women," wrote Sir Flinders Petrie. "Theft from the house and gadding to friends were severely punished. If a wife stole from a house anything valued at over five manas of lead her husband had to restore it, and crop her ears; if he would not, then the owner of the goods cropped her nose. 'Divorce was for various causes,' but always for a defect in the wife. In Babylon a wasteful wife could be called to account before the authorities and divorced."

Professor Petrie explains the severity of the Assyrians to their women in this way:— "These untamable beauties from less civilized tribes would, naturally think of plundering a home rather than keeping it."

Rescued when, in a mad fit, he jumped into the village pond at dawn, Barthélemy Jolland, a farmer of Avesnes, near Montreuil, Pas-de-Calais, ran naked through the countryside, clutching a black cat and a rabbit behind him.

AERIAL TRADE.

PROPOSED SERVICE TO CONTINENT.

That groups of industries in London having constant trade relation with similar groups on the Continent should make use of a regular aerial courier service is one of the schemes now being developed by Imperial Airways, Ltd.

It is proposed that these aerial couriers, chosen for their knowledge of the trades whose interest they will serve, should travel constantly to and fro in the air expresses, not only to take important documents requiring immediate signature but to expedite also, by the delivering of verbal explanations, urgent business between firms—one in London and another in Paris, for instance.

The method would be for a courier to make a series of calls upon the business houses in London, leaving his services and then rush off by the next air express to the Continent. Arrived at his destination, he would make speedy visits wherever required, obtaining signatures to documents and transacting other urgent business, after which he would fly back to London by the next plane available.

A courier leaving London in the morning by the 105-miles-an-hour Napier D.H. air express, would have several hours in Paris to transact business on behalf of his clients and would be able to catch another express bringing him back to London the same evening.

IRISH HUMOUR.

SOME MORE DELIGHTFUL EXAMPLES.

That there is no humour like Irish humour is well illustrated in Katharine Tynan's latest book, "Memories" (Nash and Grayson). Her father was a big bluff hearty Irish farmer, with a quick temper and a terribly eloquent tongue. A tinker, i.e. Irish gipsy, turned his asses into her father's pasture to grass and the exasperated farmer had them put in the pound.

"I'd never have thought of you," the tinker said. "Now how am I going to get me little asses out of the pound? That's for yourself to consider Joe," my father said. "I should say by paying for them. It's the four hundredth trespass since January. My land might as well be a common."

"Let ye gimme the money to get the asses out," said Joe. "The devil a penny I've got to pay for them. Ye wouldn't be keepin' me out o' me little asses now, would ye?"

The impudence of the suggestion appealed to the farmer's sense of humour, and he paid the money.

A BEGGAR'S PHILOSOPHY.

To a beggar who pleaded that he could not get work, the farmer offered a shilling on condition that he spent an hour cleaning out a shed. The beggar turned about and pointed towards Dublin.

"D'ye see that town over there in the smoke? Well, that town has maybe two or three hundred roads and streets. There'll maybe be thirty houses on an average to each of them. Maybe wan out of every three or four will be worth tuppence to me. D'ye see guv'nor. To hell with your shillin' and your dirty job."

"I was so pleased by the damned philosophy of the fellow," said my father, "that I threw him the shilling and he went off laughing."

AN UNWELCOME ORANGE.

In recalling her memories of Dudley Hardy, the artist, and his wife and step son who was known as "the Kid," she tells how Peggy Hardy decided that her husband's whiskies and sodas were to be curtailed without his knowledge. "She persuaded the Kid to offer Dudley an orange whenever he asked for a whisky and soda, and a great stock of oranges was laid in. The Kid was to have a money reward every time Dudley accepted an orange in lieu of the whisky and soda. I don't believe he ever earned that reward. Dudley came to Peggy the day after this. 'I believe the Kid has gone mad,' he said. 'Every time I tell him to fetch a whisky and soda he says, 'Have an orange.'"

PHIL MAY'S TRAGEDY.

For those who remember him there will be more than a hint of tragedy about this exploit of Phil May's. Phil had been brought by his friends most unwillingly to consent to have his life insured. "It was his wife's idea to have him overhauled first by an ordinary doctor who would perhaps put him on a regimen and exhort him to a more careful way of living. A doctor was announced and Phil made more than a clean breast of it. Heart rotten, lungs rotten, family history rotten, all died early from drink, etc. The doctor, having heard all remarked, 'Well, I come from the insurance company, Phil, and I have a job for you.'"

MURDER SPORT.

DONE TO GET THE THRILL.

RICH YOUTH'S CONFESSION.

Murder for sport is the latest from Chicago. Murders have been committed for sex, for revenge, but at last the psycho-analyst has a problem to his heart's desire.

"We did it for the experience and in a spirit of adventure," is the confession made by two rich young men in Chicago in admitting the kidnapping and murder of Robert Franks, the 14-years-old son of a prominent millionaire.

All the United States is to-day ringing with the details of the crime, which experts attribute to various forms of perversion, but their theories are swept aside by the open confession of the young men under arrest—the two 19-years-old sons of immensely wealthy Chicago merchants.

The sequence of thrilling developments that is thought to have solved the murder eclipses the fiction of book and stage.

Jacob Franks, a retired merchant of great wealth, was driven frantic by the failure of his son to return from a baseball game he had attended in the afternoon. He was startled late at night by a telephone call.

\$2,000 Ransom Demand.

A voice, speaking in cultured tones, informed him that his son had been kidnapped but that no harm would come to him if a ransom of \$2,000 was forthcoming. The voice added that instructions would reach him shortly regarding the manner in which the money was to be paid.

A day later Mr. Franks received a typewritten letter telling him to take the \$2,000 in notes to a druggist's shop in the heart of Chicago, where he would find in a waste-paper basket near the telephone booth a scrap of paper containing further instructions.

He was about to depart with the money when news reached him that the body of his son had been identified in the mortuary by a friend. The body had been discovered in a culvert in marshy ground on the outskirts of the town stripped of clothing and with a pair of spectacles beside it.

The murderers had attempted to hide the body completely in the culvert, but its protruding feet had attracted the attention of a passing labourer. It was not identified for some time because the labourer had placed the spectacles on the face of the murdered youth, who in his lifetime had not worn spectacles.

Good English Clue.

Owing to the excellent English used by the blackmailers in their letter the suspicions of the police were at first directed to teaching staffs in the various schools and colleges of Chicago, and when one teacher committed suicide the belief was expressed that the solution of the crime had been found.

But the police discovered that the spectacles belonged, it is alleged, to Nathan F. Leopold, an "honour student" of Chicago University, the son of the owner of the Manitow Steamship Company and a prosperous box manufacturer. The youth explained the loss of the spectacles in the marshes by saying that he went there some time ago in pursuit of his ornithological studies, in which he was specialising.

He described his doings on the day of the murder, saying he had been to a "gin" party with two girls and his chum Richard Loeb, son of the vice-president of the famous house, Sears, Roebuck and Company.

This alibi the police, after investigation, disproved. They arrested young Loeb. The scholastic

careers of both Loeb and Leopold they found had been brilliant. Leopold is a master of six languages and is regarded as an authority on ornithology.

Loeb was the youngest student ever graduated from the University of Michigan with the B.A. degree. He was regarded by his fellow-graduates as a "genius" and by his professors as "precocious."

Both young men were supplied by their parents with abundant pocket-money. Their allowance was \$40 a month. They had motor-cars and every luxury.

Planned For Months.

After a grilling cross-examination they made identical confessions. They said they had planned for seven months to kidnap the son of some millionaire for sport and to demand a ransom from the parents. "It seemed to be a thing that would give one a thrill," they said, so they seized young Franks and forced him into a motor-car.

He recognised them. They therefore, it is alleged, hit him on the head with a chisel and then choked him to death. Leopold added:

"We had thought of destroying his features with acid, so that he could not be recognised, but we did not do that. We thought we had a tight alibi. We drove the body around for four hours, stripped it, and hid it in the culvert. We took the clothing to Loeb's home and burned it in the cellar."

Missing Stocking.

We thought one stocking was missing, but we couldn't be sure. This worried us, but not much. We got rid of every possible clue. We took the typewriter on which we wrote the letter to Mr. Franks to pieces and tossed them off a bridge into the lagoon at Jackson Park.

Our plan had been to make Franks's father go to a place with the money and finally get him to go in an express train and throw the bundle of cash out at a given place, where we would pick it up and race off in a motor-car in an opposite direction to that in which the train was going.

Country Aroused.

Not since the Thaw case has any crime aroused so much thrilling interest in the United States, and not since the Thaw millions were poured out lavishly to save a man from crime have lawyers and criminal experts anticipated such a harvest as is likely to be theirs before the Franks case is finally disposed of.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS

PEAK CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held at the Club on MONDAY, 14th July, 1924, at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 23rd June, 1924, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution the resolution passed at that meeting.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1924.

ATHLETICISM IN SPEECH.

MR. SHAW ON DECAY OF LANGUAGES.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw took part in the campaign against slipshod English, speaking at the annual assembly of the English Association at Bedford College, Regent's Park.

Mr. Shaw began by asking his audience if they had ever known a family with "a celebrated talking parrot." The family, he said, asked their friends to come and hear Polly say such pretty things as "Pretty Polly, give me a hump of sugar," and "Fetch a cab."

But when they got there they heard Polly produce nothing but what were to them inarticulate noises, yet were to the family intelligible phrases. The parrot, as a matter of fact, had originally spoken those words quite distinctly; then gradually had set in a decay of language; the phrases had become modified little by little, until finally the parrot had arrived at sounds which were not in the least like the original thing. The family had not noticed the change which had been going on. That was an instance of the decay of language which occurred very extensively among human beings. If they went into Covent Garden they would hear a great deal of that parrot talk. If a foreigner who had learned English well were put into Covent Garden he would not understand the language there because it had gone through a process of decay and the people there were not speaking English.

Mentioning some of the difficulties met with in spoken language, he said, "occasionally someone asks me out, and very exceptionally 'accept the invitation.' Then I always find that, as I am the celebrated Bernard Shaw, people want to be introduced to me. Many of them cut it short by coming up boldly and claiming that they have known me for years. Eventually my hostess comes up and says, 'Oh, Mr. Bernard Shaw, may I have the pleasure of introducing to you—mumble, mumble, mumble.' I sometimes feel like saying to my hostess, 'If you had only been articulate when you came to Miss Smith or the Countess of So-and-so, you would have been of some use to me.'"

Tracing the deterioration in pronunciation as shown in the use of the word "modern," which had now become "mod'n," and would soon become "mop'n," he said that a great deal of that was due to pure slovenliness, which should not be encouraged, as it destroyed some of the variety and music of the language. People should be taught to cultivate and be proud of a certain athleticism in their speech. There was athleticism in articulation as in other things, and he did not know why it was that so many young people who were quite properly proud of athleticism in lawn tennis and other sports should yet be intolerably slovenly when they came to speech. "I think they ought to be made a little ashamed of it," he said, "and be taught to understand that the most intelligent and cultured people are generally rather particular about their articulation."

Reporting the opinion that an article in the *Daily Herald* regarding the Chairman (Major E. W. Barnett) of the Committee which considered the Rents Bill was an improper attack and a breach of the privileges of the House of Commons, the Select Committee of Privileges advise the House best to consult its dignity and that of the Chairman by taking no further action.

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Fifth Husband.



COUNT GOSTA MORNER
Here is Count Gosta Morner, member of an old Swedish noble family, who has just married, Peggy Hopkins Joyce, international stage beauty. He is her fifth husband, and unlike her former ones, is not wealthy.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



RAINIER OR TACOMA? A bill to change the name of Mt. Rainier to Mt. Tacoma is pending in Congress. The change is a matter of sharp controversy between residents of Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, and among tourists and geographers who are acquainted with the beautiful peak.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTABLES.



Among the prominent persons who attended the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, were Mrs. Nettie M. Clapp, of Cleveland, Chairman of the National Women's Committee; George B. Lockwood, of Indiana, secretary of the Republican National Committee; Mrs. John Gordon Battelle, of Columbus, O., associate member of the Republican National Committee; LaFayette B. Gleason, of New York, secretary of the New York State Republican Committee, and Mrs. L. B. Woods, second Vice-Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

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